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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including in the National Park System certain sites in Williamson County, Tennessee, relating to the Battle of Franklin.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2005

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Franklin National Bat-
5 tlefield Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

3 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”
4 means the cities of Brentwood, Franklin, Triune,
5 Thompson’s Station, and Spring Hill, Tennessee.

6 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a
8 special resource study of sites in the study area relating
9 to the Battle of Franklin to determine—

10 (1) the national significance of the sites; and

11 (2) the suitability and feasibility of including
12 the sites in the National Park System.

13 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The study conducted under
14 subsection (a) shall include the analysis and recommenda-
15 tions of the Secretary on—

16 (1) the effect on the study area of including the
17 sites in the National Park System; and

18 (2) whether the sites could be included in an
19 existing unit of the National Park System or other
20 federally designated unit in the State of Tennessee.

21 (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study under
22 subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

23 (1) appropriate Federal agencies and State and
24 local government entities; and

25 (2) interested groups and organizations.

1 (d) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under
2 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with Pub-
3 lic Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–1 et seq.).

4 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

5 Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment
6 of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee
7 on Resources of the House of Representatives and the
8 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-
9 ate a report that describes—

10 (1) the findings of the study; and

11 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
12 Secretary.

13 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
15 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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